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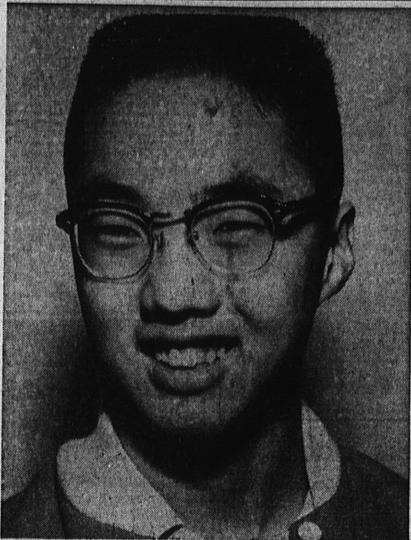
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DAVID SHINODA
... "Boy of Year"

Shinoda Named As 'Hi-Y Boy of Year'

David Shinoda, 2716 Torrance Blvd., has been named "Hi-Y Boy of the Year" for all Harbor Area YMCAs. In order to win this annual honor, David first entered competition against 306 Torrance members of the YMCA high school club program, called Hi-Y.

\$150,000 Claim Filed Against City

The parents of a 16-year-old North High School student killed Oct. 27 in a car crash near 17th and Yukon Ave., have presented a claim for \$150,000 to the city of Torrance, charging that negligence was responsible for the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bledsoe, 3837 W. 180th Pl., charged that "dangerous and defective conditions" on Yukon Ave. caused the accident in which their son, Alan Harold Bledsoe, lost his life. The claim was against the city and against Ralph Perkins, city street superintendent.

Car Skids

The NHS football player was fatally injured in a crash in which his car skidded 294 feet, hit a power pole, and crashed into a tree. Two passengers, Thomas Koehn, 16, 17110 Ardath Ave., and John Swortfeger, 15, 3817 W. 182nd St., also were injured in the mishap.

The claim, filed with the city clerk, states:

"Our son, Alan Harold Bledsoe, aged 16 years, was fatally injured when his automobile was wrecked and caused to be thrown off Yukon Ave. by dangerous and defective condition and state of repair of Yukon Ave., near its intersection with 17th St. We further claim that the death of our son was attributable to the negligence of the city and its said employee, in that they negligently and carelessly created a dangerous and defective condition on said street and negligently and carelessly failed to warn the public of such condition and negligently and carelessly failed to repair and correct said condition."

At its Tuesday night meeting, the City Council denied the claim, opening the way for possible legal action.

The Bledsoes have a daughter, Diane.

Condemnation Hearing Set

A public hearing on the city's proposal to condemn 50 acres of heavy industrial property near the civic center for a huge park development has been called by Mayor Albert Isen for 8 p.m., Wednesday evening, Feb. 13, in the city hall.

The hearing was called

when a manufacturer asked for a decision on the condemnation matter which has held up his plans for erecting a manufacturing plant there.

The mayor asked that service clubs, PTA groups, and other organizations present their thoughts on the matter at the meeting.

Burns Fatal To Torrance 6-Year-Old

Burns suffered almost two months ago when her clothing caught fire proved fatal Monday night for Carolyn Ferrel, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ferrel, of 5621 Clear-site St.

She died at Harbor General Hospital of second and third degree burns that covered her body from the knees upward.

Investigators said that the youngster apparently was playing with matches in the company of other children in a neighbor's yard. The flaming head of one of the matches flew off the stick and struck her blouse, setting it afire.

Panic stricken, Carolyn dashed from the yard towards her home. She was intercepted by neighbors, who beat out the flames and rushed her to a physician in Redondo Beach.

Scores of South Bay area residents volunteered blood donations for Carolyn after an appeal was issued by the hospital two weeks ago.

Her body was removed to the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary.

She is the second youngest to die of burns here this year. Aurora Alvarez, 3, succumbed early this month after she was engulfed in flames last December.

Council Orders Study of Plan

"In strength there's power... maybe if we get big enough, we can get what we have coming from the state and county," Councilman Victor Benstead commented near the end of a marathon Council session this week when he suggested that the city investigate the possibility of annexing Redondo Beach to Torrance.

A lot of people in Redondo who would like to annex to Torrance have brought this up, Benstead said as he dropped the bombshell.

"After we get Redondo, we will go after Hermosa," it was added.

From all appearances, Benstead was serious. Councilman Willis Blount, however, immediately wanted to know if any overtures had been made by Los Angeles.

To Make Study Benstead's motion to refer the Redondo annexation matter to the Planning Commission for study and a recommendation was seconded by Mayor Isen and sent on to Planning Director George Powell for his action.

Just how Torrance would go about annexing another incorporated city was not made clear at the meeting. Officials said yesterday, however, that it would require approval by the citizens of Redondo Beach—a very unlikely development.

Benstead's proposal follows a series of annexation moves made by the city. Included in the plans for annexation is all of Lomita, a huge section of Rolling Hills south of Lomita, and another section of Rolling Hills encompassing the area containing the Rolling Hills dump site south of Torrance along both sides of Crenshaw Blvd. Boundaries of these areas have been formally filed with the County Boundary Commission by the city.

Other Areas Mentioned several times are plans to seek annexation of another area north of Torrance, presumably in the Alondra Park and Lawndale areas, but boundaries of any such plans have not been revealed. No formal action has been

National Union In New Pact

A strike which started Dec. 2 came to an end Sunday morning after the signing of a three-year contract between the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers, Local No. 128, and the National Supply Co.

Agreement on disputed points was reached early Sunday and the contract was signed at 10 a.m. The 900 workers ratified the new contract by an 87 per cent vote, according to Al Chandler, union representative.

The union members received a 15-cent wage hike and cost of living adjustment, with a 6.8 cent wage increase on each anniversary of the contract.

taken on any proposal to seek more territory north of the city, although a blanket Council policy of the "open door" treatment to any citizens outside the city seeking annexation has been voted.

The Council's annexation fever has stirred up considerable controversy in the areas around Torrance. Lomita groups are alternately calling it a "grab," and a subterfuge to force incorporation of the area. Rolling Hills area residents see it as a threat to their rural-type developments, and one area, Rolling Hills Estates, has come up with a "crash" program of assessing residents for a war chest to fight the annexation by incorporating.

Torrance has annexed the Victor Tract and El Nido within the past year, and apparently the Council is ready for more.

Where it will end, no one wants to predict.

700 FEET OF HOSE TAKEN BY THIEVES

Sheriff's deputies are wondering who made off with 700 feet of 1½-inch hose from a Lomita construction project and how, they reported Tuesday.

Jesse A. Salozana, construction foreman for the D. R. Cleveland Sewer Construction Co., told deputies that thieves had made off with the hose, used to test sewer pipe near 243rd and Walnut Sts.

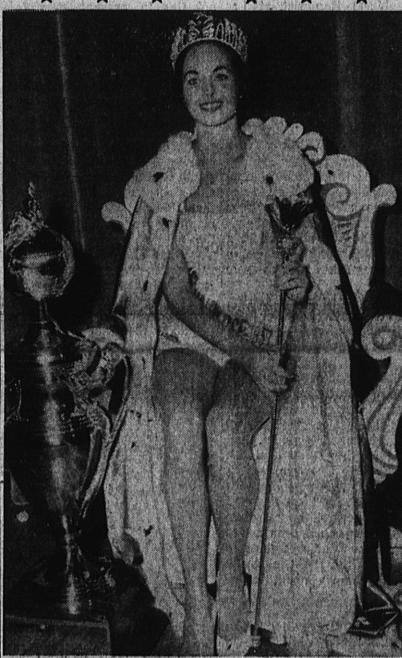
Hunt for Lion (Or Something) Still On in PV

Where's Simba, the lion? Residents of the Palos Verdes hills area were still looking for the mountain lion (or is it two?) which has been reported in that area in the past week. Sheriff's deputies were still carrying rifles in their cars and several hunters, complete with hunting dogs, were seeking the big cat originally reported by two water company employees.

Theories were a dime a dozen, as various persons opined that five-inch tracks found in the hills were those of:

1. A mountain lion.
2. Two mountain lions—a male and female.
3. A wolf.
4. An overgrown pussy cat.
5. A big dog.
6. The figment of somebody's imagination.

Nevertheless, sheriff's deputies have plaster casts of the big tracks, but even so, wild life experts don't agree any better than the general public.



(Herald Photo by Milt Svensak)
TO SALUTE CITY... Carol Morris, the current "Miss Universe," will ride in the First Christian Church float here Saturday as the city kicks off its day-long celebration as an All-America city. The internationally acclaimed beauty will be the guest fiere of Rev. and Mrs. H. Milton Sippel, long-standing friends of her family.

Schools Start Off Celebration

Final details for a week end celebration of the selection of Torrance as an All-America City have been completed and the festivities will get under way here tomorrow, according to Chairman Douglas Horlander. The celebration will start out this morning with Mayor Albert Isen and Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, presenting banners to each of the city's public and parochial school for their part in the All-America selection. The presentation will be made at an assembly at Torrance High where representatives of each school will meet to receive the award.

Parade Saturday Festivities will begin Saturday about noon when a mechanized "serpentine" parade is due to start moving through the various sections of the city. All will wind up at the civic center in time for official flag raising ceremonies at the city hall at 3 p.m. In addition to city officials, local civic leaders, and visiting dignitaries in Saturday's parade, the lovely Carol Morris, current "Miss Universe" will ride in the parade.

A reception at the American Legion Hall for out-of-town guests will be held following the flag raising rites at the city hall. Admittance will be by invitation only, commitments have announced.

Banquet Planned A public banquet will be held Saturday evening at 6:30 in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. Five hundred guests will be able to attend the affair, and banquet chairman Fred Hansen reported yesterday that some tickets are still available to the public. Cost is \$2.50 per plate.

Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, Attorney General for California, will be guest speaker in a

program which will be highlighted by Frank A. Vanderlip representing the American Municipal League and Pete Dalley, west coast manager of Look Magazine. Phil Knox, past president of California Jaycees, will be master of ceremonies.

Official presentation of the certificate designating Torrance as one of the nation's 11 All-America cities will be made at the banquet.

Dance To Follow A free public dance will follow the banquet at the American Legion Hall beginning at 9 p.m.

Arrangements for the entire celebration have been developed by a volunteer committee headed by Horlander and meeting during the past few weeks under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. The committee chairmen have arranged for the flags, parade, flag raising ceremony, reception, banquet, and the dance on a \$4000 budget, supported jointly by the city and the Chamber of Commerce.

Widespread publicity has already been given the city on its award, according to Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald. He has reports of stories appearing in all Southern California newspapers, many regional and national publications, and radio and television announcements.

Board Approves Court Building

Schematic plans for construction of the new 10,000 square foot County building in the Torrance Administrative Center were approved Tuesday by County Supervisors.

At the same time the Supervisors instructed the architect and County engineers to expedite preparation of final plans for the courthouse which, it is estimated, will cost approximately \$275,000.

The specifications call for construction of a one-story building to house a municipal courtroom, judges' chambers, as well as offices for a municipal court clerk, marshal, district attorney, sheriff's attache and other necessary appurtenant facilities.

Originally, plans called for construction of only 7807 square feet of building. However, requests were subsequently made by the Sheriff's office for provision of detention facilities and by the County Engineer for additional mechanical space.

Provision by the City of Torrance for a larger site, than originally anticipated, caused an increase in site development and landscaping costs of \$19,715.

Supervisor Burton Chace said that construction monies will be provided in the 1957-58 budget.



AMENDMENTS APPROVED... As Secretary of State Frank Jordan approves charter amendments of the city of Torrance, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas beams approval. The charter amendments, approved by the voters last April, related to various changes in city government. They are now effective.